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MORNING SESSION.

1. The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Grand River Association of Regular Baptists, convened with the Regular Baptist Church of Burgessville. Met at 10 a. m., when the Rev. Henry Cocks, of Vittoria, preached the introductory sermon, from Job xxxiii. 24. After the sermon, the preacher called the meeting to order for the election of a Moderator, when the Rev. Dr. Wilson was chosen, and the Revs. W. C. Beardsall and J. E. Vining, Clerks.

2. The Constitution and By-laws were then read from the chair, and the following Committees appointed :—Prudential Committee—W. Lowther and Revs. J. Dempsey, A. Slaght, R. B. Smith and Deacon P. Mabee : Committee on Correspondence and Circular Letter—Revs. J. Bates, H. Cocks and J. Vanloor ; Committee on Resolutions—Revs. A. Slaght, Dr. Fyfe and C. Haycock.

3. Prudential Committee reported in part. Adjourned to meet again at 2, p. m. Prayer by Rev. I. Elliott.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1. Met at 2, p. m. Prayer by Rev. H. Storey. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

2. The reading of Church Letters was then commenced and continued until finished.

3. Delegates from other Associations and visiting brethren were then invited to a seat with us, and the following presented themselves, viz. : *From the Western Association*—Revs. W. McDermand and W. Haviland ; *Middlesex and Elgin*—Revs. S. McConnell, H. P. Fitch and A. McDonald ; *Ontario East*—H. Lloyd. Dr. Fyfe represented the Ministerial Education Committee ; J. Dempsey, the Superannuated Ministers' and Widows' and Orphans' Fund ; J. B. Pixley, N. Y., the American Foreign Missionary Union ; and W. Muir, the *Canadian Baptist.*

4. Prudential Committee's second report.

5. The Rev. J. Dempsey now presented the claims of the Superannuated Ministers, Widows and Orphans Society. Collection for the same, $11.32.

6. The Committee on the Circular Letter presented their report, recommending the Letter to be read, and, if approved, to be printed with the Minutes. The Letter was then read by its author, Dr. Fyfe, adopted by the Association and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

7. The Rev. W. Muir then presented the claims of the *Canadian Baptist*, and the Rev. H. Lloyd advocated the introduction into our churches of the "Pastors' Loan Library."

Adjourned to meet at 7.30, p. m., for a Missionary Platform Meeting. Prayer by Rev. W. Hulbert.

EVENING SESSION.

1. Met at 8, p. m., for Missionary Platform Meeting, Rev. J. Bates in the chair. Music by the choir. The Chairman read the 67th Psalm, and Rev. J. Dempsey led in prayer. The Chairman delivered a short address and called upon the choir for music.

2. Addresses were then delivered by Rev. W. McDermand, H. Lloyd, W. Haviland and Dr. Fyfe, interspersed with music by the choir, and the chairman closed with a few brief remarks. Collection $29.32.

Doxology by the choir, and benediction by the chairman.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

1. Met at 8, a. m., in Prayer Meeting, conducted by Rev. W. C. Beardsall.

2. Resumed business at 9, a. m., after singing, and prayer by Rev. S. McConnell. Reading of minutes of previous session. Resolved,—That the next Annual Meeting of this Association be held with the Regular Baptist Church at Villa Nova, Dr. Fyfe to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. J. Bates the alternate, Rev. W. Walker, of Simcoe, to write the Circular Letter and A. Slaght the alternate.

3 Resolved,—That the first Quarterly Meeting be held with the church at Langton, the sermon by J. E. Vining; the second Quarterly Meeting at Port Rowan, sermon by W. McDermand; the third, at Selkirk, sermon by H. Cocks.

4. On motion the 19th by-law was altered to read: "the Clerk shall have ten dollars," instead of three.

5. At 10 o'clock H. P. Fitch preached from Acts viii. 4, after which Dr. Fyfe presented the claims of the Ministerial Education Committee. Collection $29.00.

6. Resolved,—That the Minutes of the Sabbath School Convention be printed with the Minutes of the Association. Prudential Committee's last report.

Adjourned to meet at 2, p. m. Prayer by Bro. Pickard.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1. Met at 2 o'clock Prayer by E. Topping.

2. Resolved,—That A. Slaght and Dr. Wilson represent this Association at the examinations of the Institute, and that P. Cline, J. McMichael O. Mabee, N. L. Oales and P. Mabee, Esqs., be our delegates to the convention.

3. Resolved,—That Drs. Fyfe and Wilson and W. C. Beardsall, be our delegates to the *Western Association*; W. Lowther, Dr. Fyfe and P. Mabee, Esqs., to the *Middlesex and Elgin*; Drs Fyfe and Wilson to the *Niagara*; E. Topping, J. Dempsey and J. Bates, to the *Brant*; Dr. Fyfe and J. Dempsey, to the *Huron*; Dr. Fyfe to the *Ottawa and Central*; and Dr. Fyfe to the *Ontario East.*

4. Resolved,—That we recommend to the Churches, that they request their delegates to the Association to relate to them a summary of the proceedings of the Association, on their return therefrom.

5. The Treasurer presented his report, which was read, adopted and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

6. Resolved,—That the thanks of this Association be given to the members and friends of the Burgessville church, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates of this Association.

7. Resolved,—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Choir of the church, for the valuable and efficient assistance they have rendered us.

8. Resolved,—That we now adjourn to meet with the church at Villa Nova, on the second Friday in June, 1873.

The brethren then engaged in a general conference and prayer meeting, conducted by Dr. Wilson, until half past five.

SABBATH MORNING.

Met in prayer meeting at 8.30, a. m., conducted by W. Hulbert. At 10 o'clock W. McDermand preached from John i. 16, followed by J. B. Pixley, who presented the claims of the Telegoo Missions. Collection $54.

AFTERNOON.—Met at 3 o'clock, when addresses were delivered to the parents, teachers and pupils of the Sabbath School, by W. Lowther, W. C. Beardsall and W. Hulbert.

EVENING.—Met at 8 o'clock. Sermon by W. Haviland, from John iii. 7, followed by W. Hulberton Home Missions. Collection $9.50.

Resolutions Passed by the Association.

1. SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS, &c., FUND.—That as God has put it into the hearts of some of our brethren and churches to provide a degree of pecuniary help to ministers worn out in the service of the Master and His Churches, and for the widows and

orphans of such as God is pleased to call from earth: this Association recommends the support and enlargement of this work so well begun, to the churches, and specially to those of them whose ministers are, or may become members and beneficiaries.

2. Systematic Benevolence.—That, as the members of our churches must heartily co-operate if they would have efficient churches, so must the churches co-operate in all our denominational work, if they would see the denomination prosper; we, therefore, very earnestly recommend all churches to take up collections and subscriptions for all our denominational objects, at least once a year, as suggested in the Circular Letter, and in this way the membership would have an opportunity to give to whatever commends itself to them, and we shall also secure, in time, a general co-operation among the Baptists and develope the systematic benevolence at which we should aim.

3. Canadian Baptist.—That we regard our denominational organ as indispensible to the healthy progress of the body; it is the medium through which the churches become acquainted with each other, and through which information of the Missionary, Educational and other plans of the denomination is circulated; its religious influence on the family is beneficial, and we recommend it to the support of our people, and urge on them the necessity of giving it a wider circulation.

4. Pastors' Loan Libraries.—Whereas the circulation of denominational works in our several localities is of essential service, in removing prejudice and shedding light upon our principles and practices; therefore, Resolved,—That we recommend our churches to purchase Denominational Libraries, to be loaned to inquirers and others, under the supervision of the Pastors.

5. Missions.—That as the great commission reads, "Go ye into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned," we are specially called upon by God himself to do our utmost to spread the Gospel over our land and the whole world.

6. Educated Ministry.—That to spread the Gospel effectually in our day, either at home or abroad, we need a well-trained ministry; hence, the same voice that calls upon us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, logically calls upon us to aid our brethren at Woodstock, who are doing an invaluable service in raising up ministers to fill our pulpits; and, in the language of last year's resolution, we pledge ourselves to give to this work according to our ability.

7. Temperance.—That, whereas no men can reform others unless they themselves are exemplary, we earnestly recommend to all the members of our churches to abstain from all intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and in all respects walk circumspectly towards them that are without.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

TO THE CHURCHES OF THE GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION.

DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,—The Grand River Association desires to address you in this, her Annual Epistle, on the importance of hearty and systematic co-operation in denominational work. Many of our most intelligent men are beginning to fear that our Associational gatherings are not productive of good as they ought to be; that the work which we perform for God in them is little, and that the spiritual impulse which we receive from year to year does not extend in its influence much beyond the meetings where it is imparted. Yet certainly our meetings should be productive of positive good; our coming together should be for the better and not for the worse. But in spiritual things, if we are not making progress, we are retrograding. Individuals and churches and associations all alike live under the stern condition, if they want to progress or secure any good, they must WORK for it. The law obtains in the kingdom of grace as well as in nature, that men shall reap as they sow. If they sow sparingly they shall reap sparingly, and if they sow bountifully they shall reap bountifully. This is true of the kind as well as of the quantity sown. This law was laid down by the inspired writer in reference to those who were engaged in the dissemination of truth, or in exercising influence over the minds of men, by speaking or reading, by prayer or preaching, by consecrating of self or means to the cause of the Redeemer. He that does little shall see small results; he that gives little shall receive little in return. Out of our personal love to the Saviour, as having been redeemed by HIM, and out of such considerations as we have named, spring both the impulse and the obligation to abound always in the work of the Lord. Paul plants and Appollos waters and God gives the increase. This is the law of progress in Christ's spiritual kingdom. If nothing grows it is because no good seed has been sown, or because it has not been watered by the people of God. All Christians have something given them to do, and they should be disposed to do their work, whatever it may be. As a denomination, God has given us an important mission, a great work to do; and at our Associational meetings we are called upon to review our work for the year, that we may contemplate our success or failures. If we have succeeded, we may thank God, and nerve ourselves for still greater efforts in the year to come, and if we have failed we should humble ourselves before God and seek grace to help for the future. There are first, church duties laid by the Master upon every church member; how have these been discharged during the past year? We are bound to be present at the public worship of God, and support our pastor by our sympaties, by our prayers, and by our contributions. And we are bound to love the brotherhood and aim at promoting their purity and spirituality and peace. These are some of our church duties. But we have other duties which we owe to the cause of Christ, and to the whole Baptist brotherhood. When the cry comes from so many points, "Come over and help us," can we shut up the bowels of our compassion and yet claim to have the love of God in us? In many cases those who utter this cry for help were once our near neighbors, or children or brothers, and can we be deaf to their appeal? As churches, then, we must help home missions as we are able, else we CANNOT fulfill our mission as a denomination. If we do not help to spread our principles they must fall to the ground, for no other body of Christians will do this work. Similar remarks might be said about foreign missions, ministerial education, and chapel building. Who is to carry on these important enterprises, which have been so generally adopted by our denomination, if our churches do not? And yet how can the Baptists possibly prosper in Canada unless these enterprises are carried on? How shall men believe on a Saviour of whom they have not heard, and how shall men hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent? And we may ask, how shall the pastors teach the people unless they themselves are taught and know more than the people? And how can churches live and grow without places of worship? We respectfully ask the churches of this association what they have done for these great denominational objects during the year past? And what do they intend to do for the year to come? If the churches are going to worship the Great God by the gift of their money to his cause, should they not be REGULAR and devout about this? There is a published time and order when collections and subscriptions are to be taken up for our great denominational enterprises, and we most earnestly recommend to all the churches to observe these times and take up collections and subscriptions for the objects specified. The particular day on which this may be done is not material, only if the collections are to be taken up at all, they must be taken up at some time, and as well the time named in the "Baptist." Brethren and Sisters of the

churches, the cause represented by the Baptists cannot extend unless the enterprises adopted by the denomination are carried on. These enterprises cannot be carried on without the help of the churches, and the help of the churches can only be secured by each church seeing that at least for her, she will serve the Lord. In Canada there is a great objection to paid agents, but if we are to succeed without the expense of a paid agency to collect funds, we can only do so by the pastors or deacons, or BOTH, seeing to the work of collection within their own church. Those who cry out against the expensiveness of paid collectors, and at the same time do not take up the collections and subscriptions themselves, infallibly give the impression that they are animated by downright stinginess, and do not intend to part with their money to God or man.

We close by urging all the churches composing this Association to take up, at the stated times, collections and subscriptions for the great denominational objects in their order. Let the attempt be made and persisted in, even though but a dollar should be realized at first. The great Baptist family will then be working together, and by heartfelt and earnest cooperation, accompanied by the Divine blessing, we shall make our power felt in the land.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

BEACHVILLE.—During the past year we have lost two of our oldest members, Mrs. Abigail Mabee, relict of Elder Simon Mabee, and the last of the original constituent members of our church, and Mrs. Mary Canfield. These, with five of our younger members, admonish us to greater diligence in our Master's work, in which we are not so active as we should be. May the Lord stir us up.

FORRESTVILLE.—The Lord has added a few souls to our number; to Him be all the praise. A good interest is manifest at all our stations—may the work increase more and more.

HARTFORD.—The labors of our young brother Stewart, of the Institute, have been specially blest, and twenty-five were baptised. The congregations are regular and the interest is good; our prayer meetings are well attended and our Sabbath school is prosperous, and we look forward with greater hopes.

HOPEVILLE.—We enjoy peace within our borders though at present we are destitute of a pastor, yet we have occasional service by other ministers.

INGERSOLL.—During the past year the Lord has been specially present with us, and his truth from our pastor's lips been owned, both in the pulpit and Bible-class, to the conversion of sinners. We have had various other changes during the year; some have left us, others have come to us, and others have past home to their reward on high. Some improvements have been made in our church accommodations, and cemetery privileges been obtained; we have had many pleasant reminiscenses, yet we lament the want of deeper spirituality of life and devotedness to the cause of Christ, a more earnest living faith that grasps the words of God and rests on that, for all things; the heart truly influenced by the love of Christ finds all its delights and joys in his work, and rejoices to bear all things for his sake.

1ST NORWICH.—Through the blessing of God we have enjoyed many undeserved tokens of his favor, we have advanced somewhat in the knowledge of his word, and enjoyed greater spirituality, and have become more established. Our Sabbath Schools are increasing; in efficiency and finance we are advancing; our congregations are good and attentive, for all which we are thankful.

PORT ROWAN.—As a church, we are trying to live and build up the Redeemer's kingdom here. We are at present destitute of a pastor, but hope soon to obtain one; yet we maintain the services regular; our Sabbath School is prospering. We invite the Association to meet with us next year.

SELKIRK.—God has greatly revived us here in this vicinity. At Deewsville, owing to a protracted effort, we had a special ingathering; we have a branch church there with forty-eight members, and they have decided to build a house for God, 31 by 50 feet, to cost $1,200, and be completed in September next. Our own chapel is now out of debt.

SCOTLAND.—Though we have had the word faithfully administered, to large congregations, yet we have had no increase this year, but doubt not that much has been done to be found in the future. There is a lack of interest manifested by many of our members; our prayer meetings are but thinly attended; our Sabbath School is well attended and is prospering; may the Lord revive us.

TILSONBURG.—The past history of this church is known to most of the churches, how we have struggled with many difficulties, yet we live, and after many fruitless

-ts and much languishing, we have now good hope. The services of Bro. R. E. neron, from the Institute, through Christ, will be cherished in the memory of Under his faithful ministry our hopes revived, the congregation increased, our spiritual life was quickened, and the Lord added to our numbers. But alas for all human hopes! we fear he is being called to another world. We are at present enjoying the labors of another student, Bro. A. H. Putnam. His services are well received, the congregations are good, and the clouds so long hanging over us appear to be rising; our hope is in the Lord.

MOHAWK, ONONDAGO, SOUR SPRINGS, AND TUSCARORA.—These four Indian churches, through the blessings of God, on the labors of our excellent Superintendent Missionary, Rev. A. Stewart, have somewhat revived, additions have been made to some of them, and a spirit of earnest effort and enterprise stirred up amongst them. Mohawk is about to build a house to God, Onondago is rejoicing in the lifting up of the dark cloud of heathenism, Sour Springs hope shortly to have some additions, and Tuscarora have received an increase; may the work begun go on and prosper.

VITTORIA.—As a people, we are united in the duties and labors of the church: our congregations are large and our prayer meetings well attended; a good influence is manifest amongst the young; a number of our beloved members have passed to the upper Sanctuary, leaving a good evidence behind them.

VILLA NOVA.—Invites the Association to meet them the next year.

WALPOLE.—Since the departure of Rev. R. J. Lobb, we have engaged Rev. J. A. Pickard, who is now laboring with us, and whilst thankful for past blessings, we have to mourn over our unfaithfulness and the little we have accomplished in the Master's Kingdom; we feel that we need more of that faith that grasps the promises.

WALSINGHAM.—Asks for the first quarterly meeting.

1ST WINDHAM.—We have united with the church at Teetersville to call a pastor to serve both churches. We trust the Lord will send a suitable man, for the cause languisheth.

WOODSTOCK.—Though we have nothing remarkable to relate, yet we do confess to a lack of spiritual life and consecration; nevertheless, we rejoice in the conversion of sinners, the baptism of believers, and the edification of saints and seasons of enjoyment in the service of Christ. We are at present engaged in the enlargement of our place of worship. The annual collections have been taken up for our denominational societies: we hope that liberality is increasing amongst us. Our Sabbath School is gradually increasing. We held public services on the 50th anniversary of our church on the 22d of April. As the past history is one of mercy, we pray that the future may be of enlargement, permanence and blessing.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1871.		Dr.	$ cts.
	On hand at last report		77 11
July 25,	Mount Elgin	Church	1 —
1872.			
June 16,	Boston	"	2 00
"	Vittoria	"	2 00
"	Bloomsburg	"	2 00
"	Woodstock	"	3 00
"	Forrestville	"	2 00
"	Teetersville	"	1 00
"	Fredricksburg	"	1 50
"	2d Bayham	"	2 00
"	Beachville	"	1 50
"	Burgessville	"	2 00
"	East Oxford	"	1 50
"	Hartford	"	1 50
"	Hopeville	"	1 50
"	Walsingham Centre	"	1 00
"	Ingersoll	"	2 00
"	Mount Elgin	"	1 50
"	Middleton	"	1 00
"	Scotland	"	2 00
"	1st Norwich	"	2 00
"	Selkirk	"	2 00
"	Simcoe	"	1 50
"	Tilsonburg	"	1 00
"	Villa Nova	"	2 00
"	Walsingham	"	1 00
"	Waterford	"	2 00
"	Walpole	"	2 00
"	1st Windham	"	1 00
"	Round Plains	"	1 00
"	S. Spring & Tuscarora	"	1 00
"	Port Rowan	"	2 50
	Total Received		$129 51

1871.	Contra.	Cr.	$ cts.	
July 25,	To B. L. Chipman, for printing, &c., 1170 copies of Minutes,		$ 29 25	
"	To Elder Vining for postage on Minutes sent by mail		4 76	
"	Clerk's salary		3 00	
"	Elder Vining, horse hire, postage, Stationery, &c., and getting out Minutes		4 35	
"	Postage		13	
Mar. 14,	To Elder Beardsall, printing blank reports for Churches		6 50	
	Postage on distribution		50	
	Clerk's Salary		10 00	
	Cash in hand		71 02	
				$129 51

1871.	Collections.	Dr.	$ cts.
June 11,	On hand		19 25
1872.			
June 14,	Collection for Ministerial Education		28 75
"	" for Home Missions, 1871		6 00
"	" for Superannuated Minister's Fund		11 22
"	" for Walsingham Church		2 00
"	" for Elder Huff		4 00
"	" for Middleton Church		1 50
"	" for Home Mission		38 82
"	" for Middleton Church		8 82
"	" for Walsingham Centre Church		5 50
"	" for Burgessville Church		2 83
"	" for Foreign Mission		54 00
	Total Collection		$182 79

1871.	Paid.	Cr.	$ cts.
Oct. 12,	Paid T. S. Shenstone		54 00
"	" B. Bell for Home Mission		25 00
1872.			
June 14,	" Dr. Fyfe for Ministerial education		29 00
"	" Elder Dempsey, Superannuated Ministers Fund		18 82
"	" B. Bell for Home Mission		55 75
"	" for Postage,		22
			$182 79

Read at the Association and received.

WM. BARBER, Treasurer.

The time for adjournment having arrived, according to the programme, on motion of Dr. Fyfe, it was resolved to continue this session till six o'clock, then adjourn to meet again to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The third subject, "What is the best course to pursue to secure the regular attendance of Sunday School scholars at the public worship on Sabbath," was introduced by Rev. J. Dempsey, followed by Revs. A. Stewart, J. Bates, A. Slaght, — Huff, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Fyfe, Bros. A. N. Barber, I. Dougherty, and Prof. Wells.

The fourth subject, "Would the appointment of a travelling Agent contribute largely to the interest of our Sabbath Schools?" was introduced by Prof. Wells and discussed by Revs. J. E. Vining, J. Bates, Dr. Fyfe, Dr. Wilson, A. Slaght, and Dea. P. Mabee.

On motion of Dr. Fyfe, seconded by Dr. Wilson, it was resolved that this subject be laid on the table till after the subject of a Provincial Sabbath School Convention be taken up.

Adjourned at 6 p. m., to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by J. E. Vining.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met at 8½ for devotional exercises, led by Bro. H. J. Barber. Resumed business at 9, the President in the Chair.

The fifth question, "What advantages may likely result from the organization of a Provincial Denominational S. S. Convention?" was taken up and discussed by Revs. J. Bates, A. Slaght, W. C. Beardsall, J. E. Vining, Dr. Fyfe, Dr. Wilson, W. McDermand and Deacons W. Stilwell and P. Mabee.

On motion of Dr. Fyfe, seconded by Rev. J. Dempsey, it was Resolved,—That the Corresponding Secretary of this convention be requested to correspond with the Secretary of the American Bible and Publication Society, to ascertain what they would do in regard to appointing an agent in this Dominion to work up the interests of Sabbath Schools.

On motion of Dr. Wilson it was Resolved,—That we are willing to co-operate with other Associational Conventions in the formation of a Provincial Denominational Convention, and that a delegate be appointed provisionally.

Bro. A. N. Barber and Dr. Wilson were appointed as provisional delegates.

On motion it was Resolved,—That the Constitution be so altered as to allow each School to send five delegates to the Convention, in addition to the Pastor, who is a member *ex-officio*.

Resolved,—That the Recording Secretary send a synopsis of the proceedings of this Convention to the *Canadian Baptist* for publication.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet next year the day before the Association, at 10 o'clock, a. m

ISAIAH DOUGHERTY,
Recording Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION

In connection with the Grand River Association.

BURGESSVILLE, JUNE 13TH, 1872.

The third Annual Meeting of the Sabbath School Convention, in connection with the Grand River association, convened in the Baptist Chapel, Burgessville, 13th June, 1872, at 10 o'clock a. m., the President in the chair.

Meeting opened by singing and prayer.

The Recording Secretary being absent, it was resolved that I. Dougherty, of Bayham, be appointed pro tem.

The programme prepared by the Standing Committee was read by the Corresponding Secretary, and on motion, adopted.

The following were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, viz: Revs. Dempsey, Vining, Slaght, Prof. Wells and Dea. P. Mabee.

The Corresponding Secretary then proceeded with the reading of the reports of the schools, till 12 o'clock.

On motion of Rev. J. E. Vining, resolved that this Convention adjourn for dinner, to meet again at 2 p. m.

Benediction by Dr. Fyfe.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met as per adjournment, at 2 p. m. After singing, prayer was offered by Bro. Beardsall.

The Corresponding Secretary proceeded with the reading of the Sabbath School reports till the close.

The first subject for discussion prepared by the Standing Committee, viz: "The necessary preparation for success in a Sabbath School Teacher," was introduced by Dr. Fyfe, who gave a lucid analysis of the elements necessary for success in leading the young to the Saviour. He was followed by Revs. J. Bates, W. C. Beardsall, Dr. Wilson, J. Dempsey, A. Slaght and Bro. J. E. Sparling.

The Committee on Nominations then brought in their report, which, on motion, was received and adopted.

The following officers for the ensuing year were then elected. viz: President, Rev. H. Cocks; First Vice President, Rev. J. Dempsey; Second Vice President, S. Anderson; Corresponding Secretary, Bro. A. N. Barber; Recording Secretary, Bro. I. Dougherty; Standing Committee, Dea. O. Mabee, Revs. J. E. Vining, A. Slaght, Bros. H. J. Barber and R. Merrill.

The second subject for discussion, "The influence of Sabbath Schools on our future Denominational Progress," was introduced by Dr. Wilson, followed by Revs. J. Dempsey, Dr. Fyfe, S. Cunningham, A. Slaght, and Prof. Wells.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS OF THE SCHOOLS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	No. months Schools kept open.	Average attendance at Schools	Whole number on Roll.	How many members of Church.	Joined the Church.	Number of Teachers.	Av. attendance of Teachers.	Teachers members of Church.	Infant Class.	Teachers' Meeting.	S. S. Prayer Meeting.	Stated Collections for Missions.	Monthly papers taken.	Semi-Monthly papers taken.	Books in Library.
2d Bayham	I Dougherty, W Stillwell	9	43	93	6		6	4	4	1					32	150
Beachville	Dr Wilson, G T Havens	12	50	70	7		8	7	8	1		1		70	35	400
Bealton	W Overholt, J Rogers	6	65	112	35	5	8	5	8	1			1	48		180
Bloomsburg	W P Skirrow, L Culver	7	60	75	25	18	6	5	6	1				40		150
Boston	H J Barber, L Massacre	12	122	187	68	1	16	15	16	1			1	60	60	400
Burgessville	W D Lowther, G Emigh	6	95	110	1	1	9	7	7					25		150
Cheapside	Elder Pickard, J Sparling	4	60	110	2		9	8	9	1	1					150
Embro	— Munro, A Hodgkinson	12	40	65	4		3	3	3							150
Fredericksburg	Rev J Vanloon, A Snively	7	65	80			10	9	10	3	1					164
Forrestville	Rev R B Smith	6	50	60			5	5	5	2				50	50	150
Hartford	Rev H Bolton, R J Merrill	12	80	150	70	25	7	7	6	1					30	200
Hopeville	Rev S Cunningham, D Buchner	6	40	119	35		6	4	6	1			1			155
Ingersoll	Rev J Dempsey, W C Beardsall, and J Morgan	12	100	170	12	5	9	8	7	1	1	1	1	100	100	600
Langton	J Hunter, G Swain	3	66	76	10		11	6	6	1				100		164
Port Dover		12	42	60			7	5	4	1				24		120
Port Rowan	Deacon P Mabee, — Brown	12	87	143	7		14	11	8	1	1			100	50	
Round Plains		7	29	55	8	5	6	4	5	1				12		150
Scotland		12	60	104	8		9	8	9						50	200
Simcoe	Newton Challen, S G Anderson	12	76	130			9	7	6	1				8	60	250
Springfield	Rev C W Haycock, J Fitzgerald	12	54	80	6		9	6	6	1			1	24		200
Teetersville	S Miller, W Green	12	23	43	8		6	4	5	1				14		100
Villa Nova	Rev S Cunningham, G Wittet	8	70	90	20		7	6	7	1						150
Vittoria	Rev H Cocks	12	54	122	4		12	12	10	1	1	1		200		300
Waterford	Rev A Slaght, A N Barber	12	95	203	12		11	8	9	1				50	60	250
1st Windham	G Sepprels, C L Fairchilds	6	30	48	4		4	3	3							68
Woodstock	Rev J Bates, M Nasmith	12	205	256	13	5	26	20	26	1	1	1	1	110		555
4 Indian Schools	Rev Alexander Stewart	12	110	140	16	5	12	12	12	1	1	1				
Total Scools 30		255	1871	2951	381	70	245	199	221	26	7	5	6	1045	517	5506

TOTALS.

1st.	Number of Schools reported,	30
2nd.	" Schools kept open 12 months,	18
3rd.	Average attendance of Schools,	1871
4th.	Number of scholars on roll,	2951
5th.	" " members of the Church,	381
6th.	" " joined the Church this year,	70
7th.	" " Teachers,	245
8th.	" " members of Church,	221
9th.	Average attendance of Teachers,	199
10th.	Number of Infant Classes,	26
11th.	" Schools holding Teacher's meetings,	7
12th.	" " " Sunday School Prayer Meetings,	5
13th.	Semi-monthly papers taken,	517
14th.	Monthly " "	1045
15th.	Books in Library,	5506
16th.	Number of Schools having stated Collections for Missions,	6

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			Added by Baptism.	By Christian Experience.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dropped.	Died.																		
Brantford, H. L. Brethour,	JACOB B. HUFF, (Licen) H. J. Barber, Levi Mann, R. Bird, J. McMechael	307	4	...	...	...	98	3	...	3	227	2 w w	r	p	w p	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
2 Brantford, W. Stillwell, Assistant	Rev. S. JACKSON, W. Stillwell, J. Dougherty, J. Cornwall, J. Birch	93	1	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	102	w w	r	m	..	300	50 00	11 85	...	...	3 89	...	...	...	...	2
Brockville, S. Gerrell	Rev. D. G. WILSON, J. Webster, W. B. Mabee, I. Kerr	126	9	5	2	...	2	...	...	7	133	2 w w	r	m	w p	300	39 00	30 00	55 00	4 00	4 00	18 00	...	...	...	1 50
Bronteburg, W. P. Sparrow	Rev. A. SLAGHT, C. W. Kitchen, G. Culver, L. Kitchen, R. Culver	77	26	2	3	...	2	...	...	...	105	w w	r	w	2 w w	150	63 91	24 22	11 68	...	...	13 50	...	...	...	2 00
Bayfieldville, C. H. Saylor	W. D. LOUDER, P. Crossett, J. Collin, P. McKenzie, Rev. I. ELLIOTT	125	3	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	125	w w	r	m	w p	200	150 00	14 88	...	13 31	3 25	6 00	...	...	...	2 00
Burton Oxford, J. Bucknell, Norwichville	W. D. LOUDER, I. Muir, H. Sprague, J. Bucknell, J. Hull, I. Sprague	56	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	54	w m	r	m	..	100	...	9 00	...	...	1 00	...	...	...	...	1 50
Port Colborne, I. Z. Jackson	Rev. R. E. SMITH, H. Palmerston, W. Finch	103	3	...	...	1	5	5	3	1	153	w w	r	w	w w	400	39 00	6 00	19 00	5 00	5 50	145 00	14 00	...	...	2 00
Brickenburg, W. A. Mitchell, Delhi	Rev. J. VANLOON, J. Kitchen, J. Robinson, A. Snively, P. Cline	89	...	3	4	2	...	1	...	...	93	2 w w	r	w	w w	400	27 15	23 25	3 00	4 00	4 00	16 00	...	...	...	1 50
Cayuga, J. Mitchell	Rev. H. BOLTON	91	25	...	5	...	4	...	...	...	117	4 w w	r	m	w w	500	113 65	42 03	7 00	1 00	5 00	60 00	...	...	...	1 50
Chippawa, R. H. Bowell, Tyrrell	R. I. Merrill	80	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	81	...	r	m	..	150	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 50
Dundas, W. C. Brodwell	S. Culver, J. Kitchen	131	7	1	5	1	7	...	...	4	131	1 w w	r	p	2 w p	700	140 10	48 81	13 00	38 50	4 30	124 44	10 00	...	...	2 00
Dunnville, S. Miller	Rev. D. DEMPSEY, Rev. W. C. BEARDSALL, A. Bodwell, J. S. Fitch	52	3	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	48	w	r	m	w w	60	...	8 82	...	...	1 50	...	...	...	...	1 00
Dutton, M. B. Cole	Rev. C. BERRY, R. W. Smith, M. Wittel, W. Meikel, J. Wahlbeck, H. Simons	57	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	55	1 w w	r	p	w p	300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 50
Fort Norwood, J. Wallace, Sandford	Bodwell, C. Coly	170	7	2	...	2	7	6	...	...	157	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 00
Fort Dover, B. G. Bailey	Rev. C. HAYSOCK, E. Heal, D. Missenger, G. M. Mabarty	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Fort Erie, R. Richardson	H. Kinnear, P. Mabee, J. Brown, H. A. Mabee	219	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	219	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 00
Fort Erie, Wm. Bennett	Rev. W. S. Walker, R. Young, S. Wells, R. Jackson	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 00
Guelph, W. H. Bent	Rev. J. E. VINING, F. Fairchild, J. Shirlin, J. Newnich, J. Morris, G. Morris	150	...	...	25	6	2	...	1	3	97	1 w w	r	w	w w	500	362 00	27 00	7 50	...	...	...	...	7 00	...	1 50
Hagersville, W. Shenick	Rev. H. BERRY, R. W. Bean, W. Ware, Rev. J. Brunswick, R. Tape	56	...	...	1	2	1	1	...	...	112	1 w w	r	p	w p	200	335 00	45 00	5 00	5 00	...	...	...	...	...	2 00
Hamilton, T. Newton	A. H. PUTNAM	535	11	11	5	2	7	2	...	...	537	1 w w	r	w	2 w m	835	80 0	24 00	1 50	5 76	...	54 00	...	...	...	2 00
Hamilton, A. Wilson	A. Culver	57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77 10	...	...	...	2 00
Hamilton, A. Wilson	B. Chapman	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	w w	...	...	w w	300	8 00	...	...	...	5 00	...	...	...	...	1 00
Hamilton, S. Sowden	S. Miller, C. Bell, W. Gage, C. Bucke	215	...	...	...	...	4	6	2	2	201	w w	r	w	w w	200	2 86	...	...	...	...	1 70	...	...	...	1 00
Hamilton, Victoria St.	Rev. S. CURNICK, W. Bayne, C. Cowan, G. Watson, J. Culver	112	...	...	...	...	8	...	3	1	111	w w	r	w	w w	500	25 02	22 10	0	...	5 50	...	...	...	...	1 00
Hamilton, J. B. Cox, Tecumseh Cres.	Rev. H. COSSE, D. Spencer, G. Tibbot, A. Hope, J. Hall	112	1	1	...	...	8	...	3	1	111	w w	r	w	w m	500	25 02	22 10	0	...	5 50	...	...	...	...	1 00
Hamilton, W. H. Rogers, Port Rowan	Rev. H. BERRY, H. Harris, A. Gould, T. Wood, J. Shenick	142	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	6	138	1 w w	r	w	w w	600	183 00	53 03	19 03	...	...	14 83	...	...	...	2 00
Hamilton, J. D. Fitch, Lynden	Rev. R. B. SMITH, H. Wilkes, W. Wood, J. Wood, J. Wood	49	1	2	2	1	2	...	7	...	52	w w	r	w	p	450	651 73	...	...	...	2 00	11 73	...	0 44	2 0
Hamilton, W. Mitchell, Pleasant Hill	Rev. A. SLAVEN, R. Mutchmor, A. Stevenson, C. Gurney, I. M. Oliver	57	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	56	...	r	w	w w	250	...	5 25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 00
Hamilton, J. Ryckman, Barton	Rev. C. CURRIE, H. Hilton, J. Gilkison, W. Wade	151	2	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	151	2 w w	r	w	w m	400	108 55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Hamilton, W. E. Powell, Centenary	B. Brass, A. Tapscott	78	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	79	w w	r	w	..	100	23 75	11 25	19 25	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 00
Hamilton, Wellington St.	J. Sawyer, J. Dill, M. Silverthorne	89	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	87	...	...	...	...	100	...	...	...	...	...	25 00	...	...	...	2 00
Hamilton, E. Barry, Port Dover	Rev. J. HAYES, Rev. G. TOPPER, J. Bird, C. Smith, D. Miller, R. H. Barnes	135	13	1	21	...	13	...	...	1	213	2 w w	...	...	w p	750	80 00	33 10	85 41	21 10	8 50	...	...	...	...	1 00
Ingleside, Williamsburg, Cornwall, Matilda, Edwardsburg, Prescott, Brockville,	Rev. A. SPEWART, S. Hill, J. BURKE, S. Chase, D. Thomson, B. Johnson, A. Gordon	119	25	...	...	21	...	14	7	2	108	1 w w	r	w	2 w w	112	117 00	...	...	...	...	53 all	...	...	...	1 00
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